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4. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the control means extends the highlighting through the displayed text with the conversion of text to audio output.

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6. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 4 [or 5], wherein the extending of highlighting through a text portion lags the conversion of the text portion to audio output by the delay.

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7. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 4 [to 6], wherein the highlighting extends discontinuously by portions of text corresponding to a word or words.

8. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the control means highlights a text portion for a limited duration.

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10. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the dimension of the highlighted portion is variable.

11. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the dimension of the highlighted portion is a constant number of words long.

12. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the display displays the full sentence of text being converted.

13. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the display displays the previous predetermined plurality of words that have been converted.

14. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, further comprising:

a dictionary, wherein the control means highlights words not in the dictionary.

15. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the control means provides different highlighting for the words not in the dictionary.

16. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the control means is arranged to identify proper nouns in the text, and highlight them.

17. A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the control means provides different highlighting for the proper nouns in the text.

18. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the speech synthesizer means provides signals to the control means to effect the highlighting of specific words.

20. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein highlighting may comprise anyone of:  
contrast variation of the text and/or display background;  
[colour] color variation of the text and/or display background;  
reformatting of the text including underscoring, bold font, italic font, [capitalisation] capitalization, changing font size or type; and  
enclosing text in geometric shapes.

21. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the delay corresponds to a number of converted words or syllables.

22. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the delay corresponds to a fixed time.

23. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the delay is greater than 0.1 seconds.

24. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the delay is less than 3 seconds.

25. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a document reader or a hand-held communications device.

28. (Amended) A car [having] comprising:

a hand-held radio communications device which comprises:

a user interface which includes:

a display for displaying text, and

speech synthesizer means including a loudspeaker, arranged to convert an input, dependent upon a text, to an audio output representative of a person reading the text; and

control means for controlling the display and for providing an input to the speech synthesizer means, arranged to control the display of a text, to provide an input corresponding to the displayed text to the speech synthesizer, and to highlight a portion or portions of the displayed text, wherein the highlighting of a text portion is delayed with respect to the audio output corresponding to the text portion [device as claimed in claim 26 or] , or

[document reader as claimed in claim 27,]

a document reader which comprises:

a user interface having:

a display for displaying text, and

speech synthesizer means including a loudspeaker, arranged to convert an input, dependent upon a text, to an audio output representative of a person reading the text; and

control means for controlling the display and for providing an input to the speech synthesizer means, arranged to control the display of a text, to provide an input corresponding to the displayed text to the speech synthesizer, and to highlight a portion or portions of the displayed text, wherein the highlighting of a text portion is delayed with

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respect to the audio output corresponding to the text portion;[,]  
wherein the display is mounted for use by the  
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33. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 31, [or a  
method as claimed in claim 32 where] wherein the delay is  
greater than 0.1 seconds.

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34. A method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the delay  
is greater than 0.1 seconds.

35. A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control  
means varies the highlighting with the conversion of text to  
audio output.

36. A device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the  
extending of highlighting through a text portion lags the  
conversion of the text portion to audio output by the delay.

37. A device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the  
highlighting extends discontinuously by portions of text  
corresponding to a word or words.

38. A device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the  
highlighting extends discontinuously by portions of text  
corresponding to a word or words.